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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS ON ANGOLA

1. DEPARTMENT IS VERY INTERESTED IN TALKING WITH KNOWLEDGE-
ABLE OBSERVORS CURRENTLY RESIDENT IN ANGOLA. BELGIAN
VICE-CONSUL IN LUANDA IS ONE OF THE FEW WESTERN DIPLOMATS
WE ARE AWARE OF IN ANGOLA AND WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ANY PLANS TO BRING HIM OUT IN
THE NEXT WEEKS OR IF THEY MIGHT CONSIDER SUCH AN ACTION.

2. WE INTEND TO BRING OUR SENIOR FSL IN LUANDA TO
LISBON FOR A DEBRIEFING BY THE ANGOLAN DESK OFFICER IN
THE NEAR FUTURE AND PLAN TO USE THE DESK OFFICERS PRESENCE
IN EUROPE TO TALK WITH AS MANY PEOPLE CONNECTED WITH THE
CURRENT ANGOLAN SCENE AS POSSIBLE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EXPLAIN TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OUR
DESIRE TO TALK WITH THEIR LUANDA REPRESENTATIVE AND ENQUIRE
IF THERE IS ANY LIKELIHOOD OF HIS BEING AVAILABLE, IN

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BRUSSELS OR ELSEWHERE, TO DISCUSS ANGOLAN DEVELOPMENTS

WITH OUR ANGOLAN DESK OFFICER. FYI: WE ARE THINKING OF
A TRIP DURING THE MAY 10-14 PERIOD, BUT THIS COULD BE
ADJUSTED TO THE BELGIAN VICE CONSUL'S SCHEDULE, WITHIN

REASON. ALTERNATIVELY, IF THE BELGIANS SEEM RELUCTANT TO
ASSIST IN SETTING UP THIS CONTACT, WOULD THEY SERVICE A
SERIES OF QUESTIONS TO THEIR VICE CONSUL WHICH WE COULD USE
TO CROSS-CHECK INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES.
WE WOULD, OF COURSE, MAKE THE RESULTS OF OUR INVESTIGATIONS,

INCLUDING DISCUSSION WITH OUR FSL, AVAILABLE TO THE
BELGIANS. SISCO

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